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Column One
By
David Courtney

Lebanese Plane Fired on; 2 Die

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A Lebanese plane flying over Israel territory north of Rosh Pina at 7.15 yesterday evening was intercepted by an Air Force fighter craft. It was announced here today.

The fighter ordered the plane to land in Israel territory in accordance with international practice.

The Lebanese plane refused to comply, and the fighter then fired warning shots across its path. Still disregarding the warning, the plane flew back over the border, and since the fighter did not want to pursue the Arab craft across the frontier, it gave up the chase.

A Beirut communiqué issued this morning, quoted by the Arab News Agency and the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station, admitted that the plane crossed a small part of Israeli territory near Rosh Pina "on its usual course from Kallandia airfield near Jerusalem to Beirut."

Lebanon Claims Dead

The communiqué claimed that two passengers were killed and seven wounded by the Israeli plane's gunfire. It said that there were 25 Holy Year pilgrims aboard.

The Lebanese protested to U.N. observers, who promised an immediate inquiry, and said that it would also carry out an investigation of its own, the communiqué continued.

The Associated Press in Beirut reported that there were 28 persons aboard nine of them Americans. It quoted Lebanese air officials as saying that the plane was flying three miles north of the Israeli border inside Lebanese territory. The Dakota airliner, owned by a subsidiary of Air France, was piloted by Charles Korn, who told the A.P. that the fighter plane "of a Spitfire type" circled around his craft, sent him distress signals and tried to land. Since the Dakota was over Lebanese territory, the pilot said he did not land. One of the dead men was the radio operator, Antoni Wazir, the other a soldier, Joseph Joseph, of Jordan, according to A.P.

Death Sentence Law Passes First Knesset Reading

BY MOSHE BRILLIANT

The Knesset yesterday abolished corporal punishment and completed the first reading of the draft law abolishing capital punishment.

Corporal punishment, which was permitted against certain juvenile offenders, prisoners and detainees under Defence Regulations inherited from the Mandatory regime, has not been used since the State was created. The House was informed yesterday, the Knesset struck it off the statute books.

In the discussion, Mr. Haim Landau (Herut) maintained that corporal punishment had been abolished in December 29, 1946, when the Hagan Zvai Leumi whipped British army officers and N.C.O.'s in reprisal for the lashing of I.Z.L. prisoners by the authorities. Never again were prisoners sentenced to the birch.

WHAT, now, has driven him back to Lashen? His action will make him hated even more than he was, by nearly one half of his subjects, and the manner of his return will damage the principle of monarchy in Belgium. At the moment, Socialist and Liberal opposition to King Leopold is opposition to his person, not to the monarchy. Paul Spaak and his followers claim to be good royalists; they probably are, but the objection to the person of King Leopold may in time become objection to kingship itself, the strength of which, in Belgium, is based upon the remembered personalities of the first Leopold and of the great-hearted Albert.

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Syria Admits Violation

Syria admitted yesterday that it violated the Armistice Agreement on July 12 when its soldiers killed a member of Ein Gev and wounded another on Lake Kinneret.

The victims were in a launch when they were fired at as they came to the rescue of a Department of Fisheries patrol boat which was enmeshed by fishing nets placed illegally in the Lake by Syrians.

The admission was made at a Mixed Armistice Commission meeting held at the Syrian Customs House near the Bnot Ya'akov bridge. Both delegations agreed to try to prevent similar incidents in the future. Colonel Harry W.G. Vadnaiz, of the U.N. was in the chair.

Another meeting will be held at Rosh Pina today.

M.A.C. DELEGATES MEET INFORMALLY

The agenda of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission was discussed at an informal meeting of Dr. A. Biran and Azmi Bey Nashashibi, M.A.C. delegates, in Jerusalem yesterday. A formal meeting is to be held next week.

The Knesset Group LEAVES LONDON LONDON, Tuesday (PTA) — The Knesset delegation to Britain left this morning for home after attending a public meeting called at Kingsway Hall last night by the Zionist Federation.

Defending the maintenance of the death penalty for treason, Mr. Rosen said he felt the alternative would be the law of lynch.

He undertook to go into the case of each of the seven condemned prisoners and to decide whether to recommend clemency to the President.

Black Market Probe Group Appointed

A seven-member sub-committee to investigate the source of black market supplies was appointed by the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday at a meeting attended by the Minister of Supply and Rationing, Dr. Dov Joseph.

The Committee decided to ask the Government to provide it with the authority to subpoena witnesses and require them to give evidence as in a court of law. This authority, however, the Committee declared, must not make the sub-committee responsible to the Government, but only to the Knesset.

The sub-committee will report back to the Economic Committee which will submit its report and conclusions in writing to the Knesset.

A proposal to accord representation to all parties participating in the Economic Committee was defeated. Against a proposal by Mapai that Mr. Ahsa Mushi be chosen as chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. H. Landau (Herut) suggested that the chairman of the Committee, Mr. Menahem Bader (Mapam), also be chairman of the sub-committee. It was decided that the sub-committee would elect its own chairman.

Jordan Says RAF Guards Border

AMMAN, Tuesday (AP) — The Jordan Government has arranged with the R.A.F. to guard the Jordan-Jordan boundary.

Defence Minister Malik Fawzi Pasha, told Parliament here last night that the R.A.F. was to guard the Jordan-Jordan boundary.

The arrangement with the R.A.F. followed reported raids by Israeli planes on Arab villages near Hebron. The Minister said: "He said Arab Legion troops stationed at the boundaries have been ordered to open fire at any attempt by Jewish patrols to cross the lines and to stop any attack."

A National Guard, the Minister said, has been established to help the army to keep peace and order in the frontier area.

Inquiry To Be Made On Beersheba Police

The House yesterday asked the Knesset Interior Committee to inquire into the removal of the police from Beersheba.

Mr. Haim Landau (Herut) asked for a full-dress debate, claiming that the Beersheba area was a centre for infiltration and there had been a wave of robberies since the police withdrew 15 days ago. He said the cause of the matter was that the Military Governor had ordered the police station and would not release the building.

The Minister of Police, Mr. Shitreet, said that Beersheba was a military area. With the growth of the population, the police had been brought in but eventually the facilities became inadequate. Not only were the officers inadequate, but there were also no bullets for married policemen.

Removal Temporary Because the accommodation problem could not easily be solved, the Minister said, the police had been withdrawn temporarily and negotiations were being conducted between the Defence and Police Ministers. Meanwhile, the military authorities have assumed responsibility for security, he said.

The House also decided to postpone a vote on a motion for a debate on the report of the Inquiry Committee into education in immigrant camps until after the Minister of Justice reported on what action the Government proposed taking in the matter. The move for a debate had been made some time ago by Mapam and part of Mapai but it was then decided to postpone the vote until after the report was circulated to Knesset members.

Mr. D.K. Pinkas (Orthodox) yesterday proposed the second postponement. His motion was defeated 18 to 15 on the first count, but Mr. Pinkas asked for a recount and this time it was passed 25 to 20.

Nation Begins Count Of Manpower

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Manpower Census began throughout the country today, when thousands of employers, and secretaries of cooperatives and communal settlements began to fill out the forms which were distributed by mail during the past week.

Representatives of the Manpower Council have this week been touring outlying settlements explaining the forms to those responsible for filling them in. Larger firms employing large numbers of people have detailed special clerks to deal with the census returns.

Advisory stations are to be opened throughout the country later in the week to help employers with the forms. Till they are opened, advice will be given by the Manpower Census office at Makriva.

Syria Agrees To Work With UNRWA

DAMASCUS, Tuesday (Reuters). — Syria formally announced today that she would cooperate with the U.N. Relief and Works Organization for Arab Refugees.

A special government committee will study and select projects to be undertaken by the organization which will finance the scheme.

France Proposes Atlantic Pact Defence Fund

PARIS, Tuesday. — France proposed today that the European members of the Atlantic Pact create a common defence fund with U.S. backing and pool their war production in an Atlantic arsenal for defence against Communism.

Premier Rene Pleven outlined the French proposal to the Finance Commission of the National Assembly and said it would be submitted formally to the Atlantic Pact council of deputies which had its first meeting in London today.

He called on Western Europeans to pool their money and manpower in a cooperative effort to turn out war materials necessary for western defence. M. Pleven said Communist aggression in Korea had pointed out the need for Western Europe to build more adequate defences.

At the opening session of the conference in London today the American representative, Mr. Charles Spofford, said that the 12-nations group must be vigilant not to be caught napping. Mr. Spofford spoke just after he was named chairman. He said it was now necessary for the Atlantic Pact nations to increase their military might.

Anti-King Violence Spreads in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (Reuters). — Bomb blasts wrecked railway lines in many parts of Belgium today as 32 acts of sabotage within 12 hours broke the tense three-day calm since King Leopold's return to the throne.

The pattern of incidents suggested an attempt to paralyze communications. About 20 small bombs exploded in various parts of the country within the last 36 hours. Saboteurs slashed telephone and signal wires at many points.

New incidents — from strengthening of level crossings and the blowing up of rails — were being reported hourly today. No casualties or bloodshed had yet been reported.

An estimated 180,000 industrial workers in the anti-Leopold Walloon region in Belgium today went without pay in a token strike against the King's homecoming.

Strike Unofficial

Scheduled to last 48 hours, its exact duration is to be decided by the men themselves. The stoppage will be unofficial and strikers will get no union strike pay.

Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, veteran Socialist and former Belgian prime minister, today rejected King Leopold's broadcast offer to forgo old disputes on his return to the throne.

"It is not up to the king to forgive and forget," Mr. Spaak told the Belgian Parliament. "It is for that half of the nation which has grievances against him. We don't want pardon."

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Additional Replies To Lie's Request

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N. Koreans Drive Southward As MacArthur Asks More U.N. Aid

General Says North
Better Equipped

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Attlee Address Not Expected to Inaugurate Major Arms Effort

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON, Tuesday. — Prime Minister Clement Attlee's statement on defence tomorrow is not expected to inaugurate a major rearmament effort. Whatever steps are taken to strengthen the defence services will not be on such a scale as to interfere with the country's economic recovery and social progress.

If fresh taxation becomes necessary, its institution will fall on higher income brackets. Nor are cuts in social services contemplated. A proposal to lengthen military service from 18 months to two years is at present under the consideration of the defence department, but has not yet reached the cabinet level.

This cautious programme would, however, have to be radically changed should Soviet aggression show signs of spreading to the Balkans.

Another possibility is that the U.S. might offer such substantial additional aid in the form of raw materials, credits, etc. as to enable a rapid expansion of Britain's armed power. For the moment there is a tendency to await what shape the American defence effort is going to take.

Awakening the Public

In the meantime, stockpiling could be temporarily financed from the civil contingencies fund of £125 million. There is likely to be a strong emphasis on civil defence. In general, the government is aiming at present at awakening the public to the reality of danger before submitting a large-scale arms programme.

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U.K. May Send Small Force to Korea

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Informants in touch with the Government reported today that Britain has decided to offer a small ground force to the U.N. for use in Korea.

They disclosed this after the British cabinet met in special session and reportedly discussed a number of major changes in the nation's defence policy. Neither the exact size of the force nor when it will be made available were disclosed. The sources said the Government's decision is likely to be announced during tomorrow's Commons debate on Britain's defence policy.

Best information available from qualified officials during the past two weeks suggests the British have been thinking of placing anything between a battalion and a brigade of troops at the disposal of the U.N.

Held in Malaysia Britain has claimed it is difficult to find even a small force for service in Korea. That is because, as Prime Minister Attlee recently explained Britain is held down in the Far East—mainly in Malaya where a full-scale campaign is under way against guerrillas and in Hong Kong off the mainland of Communist China.

A British contingent for Korea almost certainly would not come from Malaya which is considered a priority theatre.

24th. Division Retreats From Yongdong After Bloody Battle

WITH MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS FOR KOREA, Tuesday (Reuters). — North Korean armour and infantry tonight threatened from three sides the last quarter of South Korea where resistance remained on the Pohang-Taegu-Pusan defence triangle.

On the central front the badly mauled American 24th Division fell back from Yongdong after bloody fighting.

In the deepest penetration in date North Koreans swept round the coast and turned east to threaten the southern defence. Down the east coast the invaders pressed hard from Communist held Yongdok towards the American beachhead at Pohang.

A release from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said: Aboard a U.S. navy carrier at sea in an operation that was planned and launched in less than 24 hours, a British-American task force under Vice Admiral Arthur D. Struble USN struck at front line targets in the vital area north of Kwangju in south Korea yesterday morning. The task force had fuelled at sea following earlier operation and for the first time in the attack against North Korean forces a ship came alongside of an American carrier to transfer its bombs and rockets directly to the racks of waiting planes.

The rearming job was completed in less than eight hours. While American aviators flying Panther jets, Sky Raiders and Corsairs set off for front line targets, British flyers maintained a protective umbrella over the force. Operations were directed by Rear Admiral John Hosking, USN. Further withdrawals of U.S. forces on the road backward from Yongdong to Taegu, temporary South Korean capital, may be necessary, General MacArthur's communiqué said at midnight.

Communist pressure continued unabated on the Western and Southern sectors, the communiqué added, despite heavy ground losses and smashing U.N. air attacks on Communist lines of communications.

Headquarters made no mention of the fall of Yongdong road junction town 80 kms. north of Taegu which field dispatches said fell to the North Koreans yesterday (Tuesday).

U.S. Asked to Extend Military Service

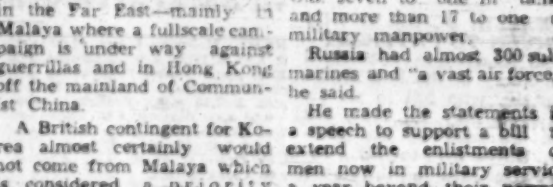
WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuters). Representative Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Representatives Armed Services Committee, said today that Russia outnumbered the U.S. seven to one in tanks and more than 17 to one in military manpower.

Russia had almost 300 submarines and "a vast air force," he said.

He made the statements in a speech to support a bill to extend the enlistments of men now in military service a year beyond their normal expiration date.

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THE problem, in a sense, is not new for Belgium. The country is made up of two races; two cultures, two tongues; and in passionate moments the two peoples commonly suspect each other. The francophile attitude of French-speaking Belgium has been resisted by the large Flemish sections of the population; and, in times of war, collaborationism has come to make antipathies sharper. There were alleged collaborationists in the first World War. Their amnesty by a government of which Spaak was a member led to serious demonstrations in Brussels and to the appearance of Spaak in the Chamber with his face scratched and bleeding.

THE problem that scratched Spaak's face and nearly brought about the fall of the government of that time, is still the problem. The Belgians of Brussels, Charleroi, Liege and the highlands, hate collaborationists almost more than they hate the enemy who collaborated with them. Now far it is just to bracket Leopold with this group is difficult to say. The dispute about his surrender has never been cleared up. Honest observers, including some who were with him at the time, have said that the young King had no alternative and that, rather than see the bloody destruction of his whole army in a useless Thermopylae, he handed his sword to the Germans. It seems to be true, enough that afterwards he was extremely well treated by the Germans and accepted their courteous treatment warmly. It is also true that he let himself be surrounded by courtiers which included several men known to be in close and friendly contact with the Nazis. In any event, to a great many Belgians he merits the epithet—collaborationist and is therefore intolerable.

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The first group of pilgrims to arrive in Israel by ship is expected in Haifa today in the Italian ship, the s.s. Campidoglio. The Bishop of Assisi is among the group.

IL-666 in cash was reported stolen yesterday from the flat of Yitzhak Schreiber in Be'erot. The thieves gained entry by forcing up wooden shutters.

250 Government employees have secured a 10% wage increase in a settlement arranged by the Prime Minister's Office.

A two-day course for representatives of settlements in the Hadera-Be'erot area will be held in Tel Aviv at the Central Prison from the first three days of next week.

The star singer of the Cafe Eldorado on Mount Carmel reportedly disappeared from her hotel room last Friday evening, a few hours before she was to entertain at the Cafe. The Cafe's Manager said that he located her yesterday morning and that he would sue her for breach of contract.

Examples of Israel exports can be sent abroad by air post at rates similar to those for printed matter, the Post Office has announced.

Mr. Victor Bernstein is requested to contact the Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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Cemeteries Bill Passed by Knesset

In addition to the bill for the abolition of corporal punishment, a number of other laws passed their final reading in the Knesset yesterday. They are: the Military Cemeteries Bill regulating the burial of war dead; an amendment providing for appeals to the Supreme Court against judgments in Government compensation cases; and an increase in the maximum fines which Municipal courts may impose.

The Knesset also completed the first reading of the amendment to the Dentists Ordinance designed to enable immigrant dental practitioners to practice, and of a bill extending the validity of the old Hagannah Code pending completion of a new Army Code now being drafted. The Military Cemeteries Bill was passed unanimously, after the plenary by a narrow margin reversed a decision of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. Most of the articles of this bill regulating the burial of war dead had been passed a fortnight ago, but the final passage had been held up when the Committee was asked to reconsider one controversial clause.

The issue was who should have priority in selecting the place of burial in cases where the deceased were members of collective or communal settlements. The entire House agreed that widows (or widowers), children and parents should have priority in that order.

The majority of the Security Committee had recommended that the settlement should follow next, while Mr. Yosef Sapir (General Zionists) argued that brothers and sisters should have priority and Mr. Eliahu Lankin (Herut) favoured giving priority also to uncles and aunts.

Mr. Lankin's motion was defeated 29 to 20. The voting on Mr. Sapir's motion was 29-20. On the first count the tally was 27 to 26 against and the Speaker asked for a recount. The second time the amendment passed 28 to 26. Decisive in the outcome were three Mafpeim members, David Hachohen and Arish Shetler, as well as Mr. Sapir's brother-in-law, Mr. Yosef Lankin, who deviated from the Mafpeim position and voted with the right-wing parties.

Compensation Bill
The amended (Defence) Ordinance allowing appeals to the Supreme Court against judgments in cases involving compensation for Government expropriations was also passed unanimously. Herut withdrew its opposition to this bill after receiving assurances from the Minister of Justice at an earlier meeting and again yesterday from the Chairman of the Legislation Committee that the provisions would not be retroactive. Thus, the powers could not be used by the Government to appeal in the IL-100 compensation suit by the proprietors of the refugee vessel "Ben Hekt".

Fines Raised
The amendment to the Municipal Courts Ordinance raising the maximum fine Municipal court may impose from IL-20 to IL-100 was passed by a large majority in the face of opposition by Dr. Yosef Lamm (Mafpeim), Dr. Yehoshua Bader (Herut) and Mr. Moshe Ben Ami (Sephardim). They opposed the decentralization of the courts system.

The bill extending the Emergency Army Code passed its first reading without a debate, after Mr. Meir Grabcwsky (Mafpeim) said that it would take eight more months to complete the drafting of the new army code. The current regulations expire on September 1.

Dental Standards
The Dentists' Bill, which was debated in the night session, is designed to enable 200 immigrant dental practitioners to practice in this country. The standards for dental practitioners would also be raised.

The current regulations are intended to raise the standard of dentistry by eventually restricting practice to dental surgeons. A 1948 regulation restricted practice to those who were qualified on March 8, 1948. Mr. Moshe Shapira, Minister of Health, said this discriminated against new immigrants.

The Minister disclosed that the Government had been under pressure from dentists to prohibit the practice of dental practitioners, but the Government felt that this would deprive new immigrants of their livelihood.

The new regulations raised the minimum age of dental practitioners to 25, and they must have 10 years of experience, as compared with 15 in the present law. Applicants must be permanent residents of Israel and will undergo examinations.

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Second Temple Era Skeleton Found

A sarcophagus containing a human skeleton was discovered on the site of the Jerusalem Convention Centre in the capital yesterday morning. Archaeologists on the spot believed the stone coffin to be of the Second Temple period. Nearby, blue-violet glass vessels, well-preserved, were found.

At the find of a burial chamber on the same site last week, the sarcophagus was found when a labourer dug his work tool through the ground into the earthenware lid of the coffin which broke.

Bus Firm Must Pay IL 3,000 Damages

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Dan bus company was ordered by the District Court here today to pay IL 3,000 damages to the widow of an accident victim. The plaintiff, Mrs. Suzi Rosenberg, had claimed that her husband, Nahum, 35, was killed on September 30, 1948, when he fell off the steps of a No. 3 bus in Jaffa.

Dr. I. Sussman stated in his decision that the driver, Abraham Surkin, had been negligent in leaving the door open after the bus had started moving, thus "inviting" people to board it. The company and driver claimed that the accident was the fault of the deceased who, they said, jumped on the bus while it was moving.

According to the plaintiff, her husband had been carrying IL 2,300 daily as a metal worker. The damages awarded were in the form of a IL 25 monthly payment for ten years.

Dr. A. Ankori appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. M. Chapi, and Mr. S. Benin appeared for the defendant.

Music Festival Will Make Jem

A World Cultural Centre

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Music and drama festivals to be staged annually at the Jerusalem Convention Centre will attract thousands of tourists who would not otherwise have come to Israel, and provide the pageantry to transform the city into one of the world's great cultural and entertainment centres.

The first in the series of Spring festivals will be the Jerusalem Jubilee in the Spring of 1952, celebrating the 3,000th anniversary of King David's reign in the city.

Mr. George Weidenfeld, British editor and publisher who is now acting as Adviser on International Affairs to President Weizmann and is a member of the Convention Centre's Planning Committee, told journalists here today that he was convinced of the possibilities of success for the festival programme.

The Convention Centre, he pointed out, was a good deal larger than many such structures in famous festival towns, such as Salzburg. The annual festivals would more than repay the present investment in the Convention Centre.

Festivals on Jewish themes would be arranged for the spring of each year, usually beginning late in April and lasting through May. Concerts, plays, operas and ballet performances would be on the programmes. Israel talent would be recruited, he added, to make events successful, but Jewish and other artists from many countries would be invited to participate.

Mr. Weidenfeld's fellow-members on the Festival Committee are Mr. A. Ezer, Managing Director of the Convention Centre, and Mr. F. Pelleg, Director of Music at the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Mr. Weidenfeld is leaving Israel on Sunday to visit President Weizmann in Switzerland, and he will take the opportunity to help organize the festival and collect funds. Half the budget, which has tentatively been assessed at IL 250,000 will have to come from abroad, while the other half is to be collected locally. It is estimated that the Jerusalem Jubilee will bring Israel \$100,000 in foreign exchange, if planned well, thus amply repaying the original outlay.

Advocates Absent From Committees

Criminal cases and civil cases in which the Government was a party had to be postponed owing to the protest strike of 100 State Attorneys and legal advisers. Four parliamentary committee meetings where legal advisers were needed were also boycotted by the advocates.

They object to being graded within the ordinary civil servant grades and are demanding that Government attorneys, for whom membership in the bar is a necessary qualification, should get special grading.

Earlier they had demanded similar grading to the judiciary but they indicated yesterday that they were willing to accept an alternative plan.

On Monday, the attorneys presented their demands to the Prime Minister, and negotiations are now being carried out with the Minister of Finance.

Court proceedings in the main cities and certain Government services were partially disrupted by the strike. Numerous cases were postponed.

A spokesman of the strikers said in Jerusalem yesterday that he expected the talks to be completed by next month. The strike yesterday was a protest against the Government delay.

No British Political Prisoners in Israel

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — No British political prisoners are being held in Israel, it was officially stated here today.

A Government spokesman was denying a report originally published in the London "Daily Herald" stating that Mr. Monty Harris, who was imprisoned in Britain in October, 1948, for illegal possession of explosives, would be exchanged for a "British political prisoner now being held in Israel."

Knisset Luncheon For Envoys

A luncheon reception for Israel Ministers was given yesterday in Jerusalem by the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, and his Deputies. Mr. Sprinzak greeted the Ministers in the name of the Knesset. He recalled the names of Victor Jacobson and Dov Hos, whom he called "Ministers of the State of Israel-in-the-making."

Other speakers were Mr. Z. Aharonovitch, Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee; Mr. Eliahu Elath, for the Envoys; and Mr. Moshe Sharet, the Foreign Minister.

Among the guests were Z. Sharet, the Government Secretary; Mr. G. Agon, Director of the Information Services; as well as Messrs. W. Eytan and H. Radai, Director-General and Secretary-General, respectively, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and members of the Knesset Secretariat.

Horowitz Gives House To Keren Hayesod

As a Living Legacy to the Palestine Foundation Fund, Mr. Shalom Horowitz, the Jerusalem advocate, has donated his home in Talbiyah including furniture, a library and objects d'art. The house contains a fine collection of paintings.

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U.S. Succeeds on New Rockets

COCOA BEACH, Florida, Tuesday (Reuter). — A giant two stage rocket intended to travel at 8,000 kms an hour made its first successful horizontal test flight here yesterday.

The huge guided missile thundered into the air, trailing fire and vapour, it slanted sharply towards the east and disappeared behind high clouds.

Colonel Harold Turner, safety officer at this east coast testing ground, said the main part of the missile, a captured German V2 rocket, soared up 51,000 feet (over 15,000 metres). At that time it was 25 kilometres east of the launching point.

He said a small rocket riding in the nose of the V2 separated from the mother rocket and streaked eastward. At the moment of separation he said the rockets were travelling horizontally at 2,700 miles (4,300 kilometres) an hour.

The V2 reached a height of 16 kilometres in three seconds and then began to nose down towards the Atlantic. When the missile got down to 20,000 feet Colonel Turner pressed a button and exploded the rocket.

He said information on what happened to the little rocket after it left the V2 was secret.

Two attempts to launch such a rocket failed last Wednesday.

Bail Denied Suspect Car Theft Couple

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A former Stern gang member and his attractive wife, a singer and former Mahal member from Paris, were remanded for seven days by the Magistrate here today in connection with the robbery of a taxi in Jaffa last week and the beating of the driver.

The accused are David Holmes and his wife Ronnie. A brother of Holmes, Sasson, was also remanded for seven days, while three other persons suspected of participation in the crime were yesterday remanded for seven days. The two principal accused were refused bail. The section of the law under which they are charged carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

According to police, the couple had planned to steal the taxi, sell it and leave the country. The wife allegedly hired the cab for three days. She then led the driver through a dark passageway in Jaffa where according to police he was beaten and bound.

Driver's Escape

The plan was foiled when the driver, David Benyamini, who works for the Atid Company in Jerusalem, managed to elude his captors and report the matter to the police. The couple then abandoned the car in Haifa and were arrested soon afterwards.

The accused, David Holmes, was reportedly one of the Stern gang members who took part in the attack on the wall of the Old City in Jerusalem. Today he appeared with his head bandaged as a result of a blow accidentally delivered by one of the gang during the struggle with the cab driver. His wife formerly sang on the radio programme for soldiers from "The Ark", while she was still in the Army as a Mahal volunteer.

FRANCE. — As from yesterday travellers leaving France will be able to take with them 50,000 francs in banknotes. Hitherto the limit has been 25,000 francs.

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Registration is obligatory and possible only up to and including August 15, 1950.

- 1) The Yugoslav Legation, 44 Ajami, Jaffa, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. — 12 noon.
- 2) Consulate General of Yugoslavia, Talbiyah, Jerusalem, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. — 12 noon.
- 3) Haifa, 50/1 Harbour St., Fridays, 9-12 a.m.

Boy Is Marksman After One Lesson

JANESBURG, Arkansas, Tuesday (Reuter). — A 17-year-old father gave his small son a hurried lesson in marksmanship, then ordered him to shoot his mother, police said yesterday.

Mrs. Jewel White, 42, was now in hospital with a bullet wound in her right lung and her husband was in jail, charged with assault to kill—even though the shot was fired by his eight-year-old son, Billy.

Sabotage Caused Portsmouth Blast

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Clement Attlee told Parliament yesterday that the blowing up of nine ammunition barges at Portsmouth on July 14 was due to sabotage.

Mr. Attlee said the fire which led to the explosion was "caused maliciously by some person or persons unknown." But enough was known about the means employed to show that they were based on considerable scientific knowledge and were carefully calculated for their effect, he added.

"The incident thus constituted an act of sabotage," he declared, adding that further inquiries were being made.

Mr. Attlee said it was a miracle that there was not a serious loss of life among the workers in the armament depot and their families living near where the explosion occurred.

U.N. Committee Debates Eritrea

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday. — (Reuter). — Six more countries yesterday defined their attitude towards proposals for the future control of the former Italian colony of Eritrea.

Representatives of the countries — the Netherlands, Guatemala, Australia, France, Argentina and Israel — spoke when the General Assembly's interim committee resumed debate on possible solutions to Eritrea's future. The committee comprises all the UN with the exception of the Soviet group who have boycotted it since its inception.

Six Proposals

Proposals advanced by the six nations were: Israel said that if a general agreement were reached on a federation plan "it would seem essential that adequate safeguards under UN auspices must be provided to secure that federation is one in fact as well as in word." Netherlands supported partition of Eritrea between Ethiopia and Guatemala proposed that all of Eritrea should be

